

BUILDING SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS WITH THE ILO TOGETHER, TO CHANGE MILLIONS OF LIVES IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



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A POPULATION WITH LITTLE SOCIAL PROTECTION

The Kyrgyz Republic has been recognized as one of the poorest among the post-Soviet countries since independence.

Despite gradual economic growth, the Kyrgyz Republic faces significant challenges such as limited fiscal resources, pervasive informality in employment and economic activities, a fragmented social security system, labour migration due to lack of employment opportunities with decent incomes, youth unemployment, urban-rural and regional disparities and very limited interventions that address social exclusion of disadvantaged groups. Income poverty, inequalities and lack of good quality public services are underlying causes of these challenges.

BUILDING A SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM

ILO's technical assistance towards establishing a social protection floor (SPF) in the Kyrgyz Republic involved capacity building activities for national stakeholders, facilitation of an Assessment-based National Dialogue (ABND) and support to draft the national Social Development Programme 2015-17. ILO also supported the government in developing its long-term development vision through the National Development Strategy 2040.

The multi-stakeholder ABND Working Group, led by the Ministry of Labour and Social Development and with participation of the Vice Prime Minister, endorsed a Resolution on the Extension of Social Protection Floors in 2016. The Resolution presents a set of national priorities to improve and expand the national social protection system.



The ABND identified the following priorities:

- Improve the adequacy of pensions and social allowances/child benefits, unemployment and maternity benefits and extend their coverage to ensure income guarantees across the lifecycle
- Improve the accessibility, quality and coverage of healthcare services
- Develop mechanisms for transition from informal to formal labour relations
- Develop a network of community-based social welfare services for children, children and adults with disabilities, elderly people and migrant families left behind

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has embarked on an ambitious medium-term development agenda (*Unity, Trust, Creation, 2018-2022*) anchored on advancing broad-based economic development and promoting sustainable human development. Some of the aims of this strategy are to decrease income poverty and increase pensions, which are harmonious with the ABND priorities.

At the same time, the Government has embarked on drafting the long-term National Development Strategy 2040, aimed at:

ensuring decent living conditions for the people through consistent economic growth, creating and securing decent and productive jobs, even development of regions, enhancing the country's competitiveness and export potential, and improving the quality of innovative and productive potential of the country

ILO is supporting the Government to mainstream the SPF agenda into this long-term vision and to continue implementing the priorities defined through the Assessment Based National Dialogue.

FROM RIGHT TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

Social protection is one of the key priority areas of the UNDAF in the Kyrgyz Republic. You can support us to improve the social protection floor in the Kyrgyz Republic:

- Support the design of specific schemes or the reform of existing schemes based on the ABND recommendations, such as by developing a system to monitor the adequacy of benefits and measure the impact of poverty reduction schemes especially the child benefits.

US\$ 600,000 for 2019-21

- Carry out legal analysis and capacity building to support the ratification of the Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183).

US\$ 200,000 for 2019-23

- Support the implementation of the Strategy Unity, Trust, Creation 2018-2022 by aligning the ABND priorities with the new strategic framework, including further nationalisation of the Sustainable Development Goal 1 on Ending Poverty.

US\$ 100,000 for 2019-2021

- Support the implementation of the National Strategy for Social Care Services to ensure social protection and inclusion of disadvantaged people.

US\$ 300,000 for 2019-2023

- Improve the social insurance system by extending its coverage and ensuring its long-term financial sustainability, especially through capacity building and improved data collection.

US\$ 950,000 for 2019-25

LISTENING TO YOUR AMBITIONS

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To further discuss your objectives and the ways in which you can support stakeholders in the Kyrgyz Republic and improve millions of lives, you can contact:



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